

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

In the amendments to the specification provided below, additions are indicated by underlining, and deletions are indicated by strikethrough.

At page 1, please replace the title with **--METHOD FOR PREPARING FIBRE-CONTAINING PECTIN AND PRODUCTS AND USES ~~HEREOF~~ THEREOF--**.

At page 1, after the Title, please insert the following:

--CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is the U.S. National Phase filing under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT/DK2004/000487, filed July 7, 2004, which designated the United States and was published in English, which claims priority to Danish Patent Application Nos. PA 200301037, filed July 7, 2003, and PA 200400112, filed January 27, 2004. The contents of these applications are expressly incorporated herein by reference in their entireties.—

Please replace the abstract with the following abstract:

--SUMMARY ABSTRACT

A method is provided for treating pectin-containing plant materials in a manner to obtain fibre-containing pectin products, and subsequently pectin products, having ~~an~~ a high molecular weight of the pectin polymer and a homogeneous distribution of the de-esterified sites in the pectin polymer and thereby providing products having improved gel-forming and/or viscous giving properties--